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1. Communist China

A hint on how a compromise between contending forces might be worked out is provided by formation of a provisional government in a south-central China province combining local party cadre, army commandos, and Maoist militants. Peking radio is making much of this arrangement, which follows a pattern set earlier in two other provinces, and is emphasizing the army's key role.

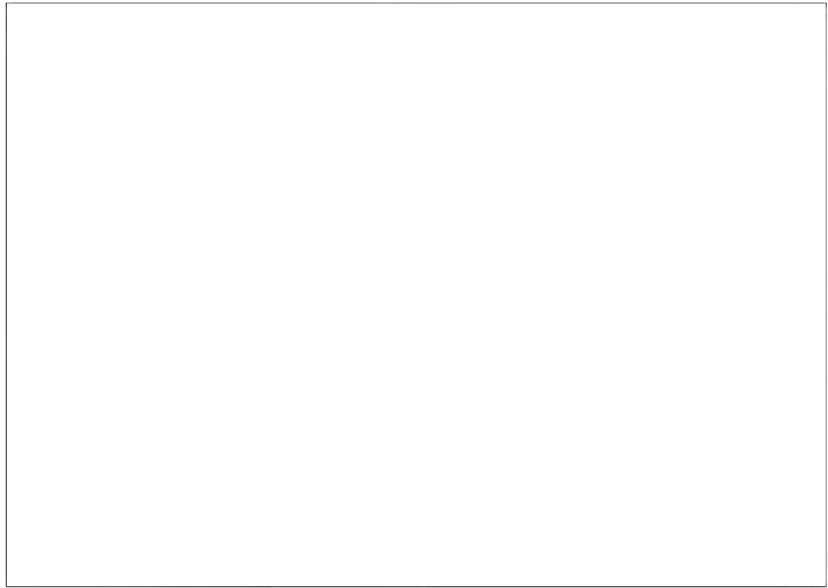
2. Soviet Union

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### 3. North Vietnam

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### 4. Indonesia

Although groggy, Sukarno is still on his feet groping for openings which might yet stave off his ouster.

The Bung has typically sought to confound his enemies and hearten his remaining friends by alternately hinting that he would resign and attempting to brazen it out. Things are now so bad for him, however, that he could cave in at any moment.

The army is not too worried about reaction in East Java--Sukarno's principal remaining bailiwick--should he resign. But it fears trouble if Sukarno hangs on and is then disgraced by congressional action next month.

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## 5. Thailand

Ambassador Martin's special assistant for counterinsurgency believes the Thai Communists have taken time out to consolidate control over their slowly growing insurgency. He thinks this explains the over-all decline in incidents during the last quarter of 1966.

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Martin's counterinsurgency expert gives the Thais good marks for grasping the need for a proper blend of civil, military, and police actions against the Communists. While they still have much to learn in terms of planning and follow-through, he considers them years ahead of the Vietnamese he knew from 1963 to 1965.

## 6. Canada-OAS

Canada may take a fresh look at membership in the OAS.

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